

May 31, 2016

The Honorable Kevin de León President pro Tempore of the California State Senate State Capitol, Room 205 Sacramento, California 95814

The Honorable Mark Leno, Chair Senate Budget and Fiscal Review Committee State Capitol, Room 5100 Sacramento, California 95814 The Honorable Anthony Rendon Speaker of the California State Assembly State Capitol, Room 219 Sacramento, California 95814

The Honorable Philip Ting, Chair Assembly Budget Committee State Capitol, Room 6026 Sacramento, California 95814

RE: SUPPORT - Los Angeles County Trailer Bill Language Proposal to Help Counties Combat Homelessness

Dear Senator de León and Speaker Rendon; and Senator Leno and Assembly Member Ting:

The City of Carson urges your support for trailer bill language (TBL) that would provide counties with the authority to seek voter approval to impose a special tax on personal annual incomes over \$1 million dollars for purposes of providing housing and services for homeless individuals/families. We are experiencing a severe homelessness problem statewide, and Los Angeles County's homeless population continues to grow at an alarming rate.

Combating homelessness is a top priority across Los Angeles County. On February 9, 2016, the Board of Supervisors unanimously approved the coordinated set of 47 strategies in 6 categories: Prevent Homelessness; Subsidize Housing; Increase Income; Provide Case Management and Services; Create a Coordinated System; and Increase Affordable/Homeless Housing. To launch the initial implementation of these strategies, the Board allocated \$100 million in one-time funding, while emphasizing the critical need for ongoing revenue to sustain the strategies.

According to the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA), the overall number of homeless people in the County on any given night increased to 46,874 in 2016, which

is 6% more than in 2015, and 19% more than in 2013. The subset of homeless people living in encampments, tents and vehicles increased by 20% from 2015 to 2016, and a staggering 123% from 2013 to 2016. LAHSA estimates that \$450 million in additional, ongoing revenue is needed to address the current gap in homeless housing and services, excluding housing construction costs. A one-half percent tax on personal income over \$1 million/year is estimated to generate \$243 million annually in Los Angeles County.

In addition, Los Angeles County conducted a poll to determine voter support for potential revenue raising options. The most popular option is a tax on personal income above \$1 million/year which is supported by 76% of likely Los Angeles County voters in the November 2016 General Election. Additionally, that same poll found that 64% of the voters polled would support the extension of Proposition 30, and that a measure to tax high income to combat homelessness would have no impact on the level of support for the extension of Proposition 30.

I urge your support for the inclusion of the TBL proposal in the final California Budget Act of 2016-17.

Sincerely,

Albert Robles Mayor



EMMA SHARIF
Councilwoman District 4

Office: (310) 605-5590 Fax: (310) 761-1486

June 2, 2016

The Honorable Anthony Rendon Speaker of the California State Assembly State Capitol, Room 219 Sacramento, California 95814

RE: SUPPORT - Los Angeles County Trailer Bill Language Proposal to Help Counties Combat Homelessness

Dear Speaker Rendon:

The City of Compton urges your support for trailer bill language (TBL) that would provide counties with the authority to seek voter approval to impose a special tax on personal annual incomes over \$1 million dollars for purposes of providing housing and services for homeless individuals/families. We are experiencing a severe homelessness problem statewide, and Los Angeles County's homeless population continues to grow at an alarming rate.

Combating homelessness is a top priority across Los Angeles County. On February 9, 2016, the Board of Supervisors unanimously approved the coordinated set of 47 strategies in 6 categories: Prevent Homelessness; Subsidize Housing; Increase Income; Provide Case Management and Services; Create a Coordinated System; and Increase Affordable/Homeless Housing. To launch the initial implementation of these strategies, the Board allocated \$100 million in one-time funding, while emphasizing the critical need for ongoing revenue to sustain the strategies.

According to the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA), the overall number of homeless people in the County on any given night increased to 46,874 in 2016, which is 6% more than in 2015, and 19% more than in 2013. The subset of homeless people living in encampments, tents and vehicles increased by 20% from 2015 to 2016, and a staggering 123% from 2013 to 2016. LAHSA estimates that \$450 million in additional, ongoing revenue is needed to address the current gap in homeless housing and services, excluding housing construction costs. A one-half percent tax on personal income over \$1 million/year is estimated to generate \$243 million annually in Los Angeles County.

COMPTON CITY HALL

205 South Willowbrook Avenue Compton, California 90220

In addition, Los Angeles County conducted a poll to determine voter support for potential revenue raising options. The most popular option is a tax on personal income above \$1 million/year which is supported by 76% of likely Los Angeles County voters in the November 2016 General Election. Additionally, that same poll found that 64% of the voters polled would support the extension of Proposition 30, and that a measure to tax high income to combat homelessness would have no impact on the level of support for the extension of Proposition 30.

I urge your support for the inclusion of the TBL proposal in the final California Budget Act of 2016-17.

**Emma Sharif** 

Councilwoman District 4

City of Compton



May 31, 2016

The Honorable Kevin de León President pro Tempore of the California State Senate State Capitol, Room 205 Sacramento, California 95814

The Honorable Mark Leno, Chair Senate Budget and Fiscal Review Committee State Capitol, Room 5100 Sacramento, California 95814 The Honorable Anthony Rendon Speaker of the California State Assembly State Capitol, Room 219 Sacramento, California 95814

The Honorable Philip Ting, Chair Assembly Budget Committee State Capitol, Room 6026 Sacramento, California 95814

RE: SUPPORT - Los Angeles County Trailer Bill Language Proposal to Help Counties Combat Homelessness

Dear Senator de León and Speaker Rendon; and Senator Leno and Assembly Member Ting:

The City of Compton urges your support for trailer bill language (TBL) that would provide counties with the authority to seek voter approval to impose a special tax on personal annual incomes over \$1 million dollars for purposes of providing housing and services for homeless individuals/families. We are experiencing a severe homelessness problem statewide, and Los Angeles County's homeless population continues to grow at an alarming rate.

Combating homelessness is a top priority across Los Angeles County. On February 9, 2016, the Board of Supervisors unanimously approved the coordinated set of 47 strategies in 6 categories: Prevent Homelessness; Subsidize Housing; Increase Income; Provide Case Management and Services; Create a Coordinated System; and Increase Affordable/Homeless Housing. To launch the initial implementation of these strategies, the Board allocated \$100 million in one-time funding, while emphasizing the critical need for ongoing revenue to sustain the strategies.

According to the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA), the overall number of homeless people in the County on any given night increased to 46,874 in 2016, which is 6% more than in 2015, and 19% more than in 2013. The subset of homeless people living in encampments, tents and vehicles increased by 20% from 2015 to 2016, and a staggering 123% from 2013 to 2016. LAHSA estimates that \$450 million in additional, ongoing revenue is needed to address the current gap in homeless housing and services, excluding housing construction costs. A one-half percent tax on personal income over \$1 million/year is estimated to generate \$243 million annually in Los Angeles County.

In addition, Los Angeles County conducted a poll to determine voter support for potential revenue raising options. The most popular option is a tax on personal income above \$1 million/year which is supported by 76% of likely Los Angeles County voters in the November 2016 General Election. Additionally, that same poll found that 64% of the voters polled would support the extension of Proposition 30, and that a measure to tax high income to combat homelessness would have no impact on the level of support for the extension of Proposition 30.

I urge your support for the inclusion of the TBL proposal in the final California Budget Act of 2016-17.

Sincerely,

AJA BROWN

Mayor

City of Compton

# CULVER CONTROL OF THE PROPERTY OF THE PROPERTY

### CITY OF CULVER CITY

9770 CULVER BOULEVARD CULVER CITY, CALIFORNIA 90232-0507 CITY HALL Tel. (310) 253-6000 FAX (310) 253-6010

June 1, 2016

The Honorable Kevin de León President pro Tempore of the California State Senate State Capitol, Room 205 Sacramento, California 95814

The Honorable Mark Leno, Chair Senate Budget and Fiscal Review Committee State Capitol, Room 5100 Sacramento, California 95814 The Honorable Anthony Rendon Speaker of the California State Assembly State Capitol, Room 219 Sacramento, California 95814

The Honorable Philip Ting, Chair Assembly Budget Committee State Capitol, Room 6026 Sacramento, California 95814

Subject: Los Angeles County Trailer Bill Language Proposal to Help Counties Combat

Homelessness. SUPPORT

Dear Senate President pro Tempore de León, Speaker Rendon, Senator Leno, and Assembly Member Ting:

I urge your support for trailer bill language (TBL) that would provide counties with the authority to seek voter approval to impose a special tax on personal annual incomes over \$1 million dollars for purposes of providing housing and services for homeless individuals/families. We are experiencing a severe homelessness problem statewide, and Los Angeles County's homeless population continues to grow at an alarming rate.

Combating homelessness is a top priority across Los Angeles county and in Culver City. On February 9, 2016, the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors unanimously approved the coordinated set of 47 strategies in six categories: Prevent Homelessness; Subsidize Housing; Increase Income; Provide Case Management and Services; Create a Coordinated System; and Increase Affordable/Homeless Housing. To launch the initial implementation of these strategies, the Board allocated \$100 million in one-time funding, while emphasizing the critical need for ongoing revenue to sustain the strategies.

According to the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA), the overall number of homeless people in the County on any given night increased to 46,874 in 2016, which is 6% more than in 2015, and 19% more than in 2013. The subset of homeless people living in encampments, tents and vehicles increased by 20% from 2015 to 2016, and a staggering 123% from 2013 to 2016. LAHSA estimates that \$450 million in additional, ongoing revenue is needed to address the current gap in homeless housing and services, excluding housing construction costs. A one-half percent tax on personal income over \$1 million/year is estimated to generate \$243 million annually in Los Angeles County.

In addition, Los Angeles County conducted a poll to determine voter support for potential revenue raising options. The most popular option is a tax on personal income above \$1 million/year, which is supported by 76% of likely Los Angeles County voters in the November 2016 General Election. Additionally, that same poll found that 64% of the voters polled would support the extension of Proposition 30, and that a measure to tax high income to combat homelessness would have no impact on the level of support for the extension of Proposition 30.

I urge your support for the inclusion of the TBL proposal in the final California Budget Act of 2016-17. Please do not hesitate to contact me at (310) 845-5831, if you have any questions or wish to discuss this further.

Sincerely,

Meghan Sahli-Wells Council Member



## CITY OF INGLEWOOD

## Office of the Mayor



James T. Butts, Jr. Mayor

May 31, 2016

The Honorable Kevin de León President pro Tempore of the California State Senate State Capitol, Room 205 Sacramento, California 95814

The Honorable Anthony Rendon Speaker of the California State Assembly State Capitol, Room 219 Sacramento, California 95814

The Honorable Mark Leno, Chair Senate Budget and Fiscal Review Committee State Capitol, Room 5100 Sacramento, California 95814 The Honorable Philip Ting, Chair Assembly Budget Committee State Capitol, Room 6026 Sacramento, California 95814

RE: SUPPORT - Los Angeles County Trailer Bill Language Proposal to Help Counties Combat Homelessness

Dear Senator de León and Speaker Rendon; and Senator Leno and Assembly Member Ting:

The City of Inglewood urges your support for trailer bill language (TBL) that would provide counties with the authority to seek voter approval to impose a special tax on personal annual incomes over \$1 million dollars for purposes of providing housing and services for homeless individuals/families. We are experiencing a severe homelessness problem statewide, and Los Angeles County's homeless population continues to grow at an alarming rate.

Combating homelessness is a top priority across Los Angeles County. On February 9, 2016, the Board of Supervisors unanimously approved the coordinated set of 47 strategies in 6 categories: Prevent Homelessness; Subsidize Housing; Increase Income; Provide Case Management and Services; Create a Coordinated System; and Increase Affordable/Homeless Housing. To launch the initial implementation of these strategies, the Board allocated \$100 million in one-time funding, while emphasizing the critical need for ongoing revenue to sustain the strategies.

According to the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA), the overall number of homeless people in the County on any given night increased to 46,874 in 2016, which is 6% more than in 2015, and 19% more than in 2013. The subset of homeless people living in encampments, tents and vehicles increased by 20% from 2015 to 2016, and a staggering 123% from 2013 to 2016. LAHSA estimates that \$450 million in additional, ongoing revenue is needed to address the current gap in homeless housing and services, excluding housing construction costs. A one-half percent tax on personal income over \$1 million/year is estimated to generate \$243 million annually in Los Angeles County.

In addition, Los Angeles County conducted a poll to determine voter support for potential revenue raising options. The most popular option is a tax on personal income above \$1 million/year which is supported by 76% of likely Los Angeles County voters in the November 2016 General Election. Additionally, that same poll found that 64% of the voters polled would support the extension of Proposition 30, and that a measure to tax high income to combat homelessness would have no impact on the level of support for the extension of Proposition 30.

I urge your support for the inclusion of the TBL proposal in the final California Budget Act of 2016-17.

Sincerely,

James T. Butts, Jr.

Mayor



#### ERIC GARCETTI MAYOR

May 31, 2016

The Honorable Kevin de León Senate President pro Tempore State Capitol, Room 205 Sacramento, California 95814

The Honorable Mark Leno Chair, Senate Budget and Fiscal Review Committee State Capitol, Room 5100 Sacramento, California 95814 The Honorable Anthony Rendon Speaker of the California State Assembly State Capitol, Room 219 Sacramento, California 95814

The Honorable Philip Ting, Chair, Assembly Budget Committee State Capitol, Room 6026 Sacramento, California 95814

RE: Budget proposal to help counties combat homelessness: City of Los Angeles: Support

Dear President pro Tempore de León, Speaker Rendon, Senator Leno, and Assemblymember Ting:

On behalf of the City of Los Angeles, I write in support of providing counties with the legal authority to impose a special tax, with voter approval, on personal annual incomes of more than \$1 million in the California Budget Act. If approved, this provision would provide local governments with an option for revenue sources dedicated toward housing and services for homeless individuals and families.

In February of this year, the City of Los Angeles and Los Angeles County took unprecedented action by approving comprehensive and coordinated plans to address homelessness. To address the housing and homelessness crisis, these plans identified a need for dedicated long-term funding source.

This proposal empowers voters and local governments to maintain and improve the supply of affordable housing and homelessness services. It will also provide funding for

The Honorable Kevin de León, The Honorable Anthony Rendon, The Honorable Mark Leno, and The Honorable Philip Ting May 31, 2016 Page 2

the production and preservation of affordable housing without impacting the state budget.

On behalf of the City of Los Angeles, I strongly urge your support for the inclusion of this proposal in the final California Budget Act of 2016-17.

Sincerely,

**ERIC GARCETTI** 

Mayor

cc: Governor Jerry Brown



# City of Malibu

## Laura Rosenthal, Mayor

23825 Stuart Ranch Road · Malibu, CA · 90265-4861 Phone (310) 456-2489 · Fax (310) 456-3356 · <u>www.malibucity.org</u>

May 24, 2016

The Honorable Kevin de León President pro Tempore of the California State Senate State Capitol, Room 205 Sacramento, CA 95814 senator.deleon@senate.ca.gov

The Honorable Mark Leno, Chair Senate Budget and Fiscal Review Committee State Capitol, Room 5100 Sacramento, CA 95814 senator.leno@senate.ca.gov The Honorable Anthony Rendon Speaker of the California State Assembly State Capitol, Room 219 Sacramento, CA 95814 assemblymember.rendon@assembly.ca.gov

The Honorable Philip Ting, Chair Assembly Budget Committee State Capitol, Room 6026 Sacramento, CA 95814 assemblymember.ting@assembly.ca.gov

RE: Los Angeles County Trailer Bill Language Proposal to Help Counties Combat Homelessness – SUPPORT

Dear Senator de León and Speaker Rendon; and Senator Leno and Assembly Member Ting:

As Mayor of the City of Malibu, I urge your support for trailer bill language (TBL) that would provide counties with the authority to seek voter approval to impose a special tax on personal annual incomes over \$1 million dollars for purposes of providing housing and services for homeless individuals/families. We are experiencing a severe homelessness problem statewide, and Los Angeles County's homeless population continues to grow at an alarming rate.

Combating homelessness is a top priority across Los Angeles County, including in my home community of Malibu. On February 9, 2016, the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors unanimously approved the coordinated set of 47 strategies in 6 categories: Prevent Homelessness; Subsidize Housing; Increase Income; Provide Case Management and Services; Create a Coordinated System; and Increase Affordable/Homeless Housing. To launch the initial implementation of these strategies, the Board allocated \$100 million in one-time funding, while emphasizing the critical need for ongoing revenue to sustain the strategies.

According to the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA), the overall number of homeless people in the County on any given night increased to 46,874 in 2016, which is 6% more than in 2015, and 19% more than in 2013. The subset of homeless people living in encampments, tents and vehicles increased by 20% from 2015 to 2016, and a staggering 123% from 2013 to 2016. LAHSA estimates that \$450 million in additional, ongoing revenue is needed to address the current gap in homeless housing and services, excluding housing construction costs. A one-half percent tax on personal income over \$1 million/year is estimated to generate \$243 million annually in Los Angeles County.



County Trailer Bill Language Proposal to Help Counties Combat Homelessness – SUPPORT May 24, 2016 Page 2 of 2

In addition, the County of Los Angeles conducted a poll to determine voter support for potential revenue raising options. The most popular option was a tax on personal income above \$1 million per year, which is supported by 76% of likely Los Angeles County voters in the November 2016 General Election. Additionally, that same poll found that 64% of the voters polled would support the extension of Proposition 30, and that a measure to tax high income to combat homelessness would have no impact on the level of support for the extension of Proposition 30.

It is for these reasons that I urge your support for the inclusion of the TBL proposal in the final California Budget Act of 2016-17.

Sincerely,

Laura Rosenthal

Mayor

cc: Honorable Members of the Malibu City Council

Reva Feldman, City Manager

The Honorable Fran Pavley, California Senate District 27

The Honorable Richard Bloom, California 50th Assembly District

Chief Executive Office, County of Los Angeles, <a href="mailto:homelessinitiative@ceo.lacounty.gov">homelessinitiative@ceo.lacounty.gov</a>



## City of South Gate

8650 CALIFORNIA AVENUE + SOUTH GATE, CA 90280-3075 + (323) 563-9543 WWW.CITYOFSOUTHGATE.ORG FAX (323) 569-2678

W.H. (BILL) DE WITT, Mayor MARIA DAVILA, Vice Mayor MARIA BELEN BERNAL, Council Member GIL HURTADO, Council Member JORGE MORALES, Council Member

June 2, 2016

The Honorable Anthony Rendon Speaker of the Assembly State Capitol, Room 219 Sacramento, CA 95814

VIA FAX: (916) 319-2163

The Honorable Kevin De León Senate President pro Tempore State Capitol, Room 205 Sacramento, CA 95814

VIA FAX: (916) 651-4924

RE: SUPPORT - LOS ANGELES COUNTY TRAILER BILL LANGUAGE PROPOSAL TO HELP COUNTIES COMBAT HOMELESSNESS

Dear Senator Leno and Assembly Member Ting:

As a Council Member for the City of South Gate, I urge your support for trailer bill language (TBL) that would provide counties with the authority to seek voter approval to impose a special tax on personal annual incomes over \$1 million dollars for purposes of providing housing and services for homeless individuals and families. We are experiencing a severe homelessness problem statewide, and Los Angeles County's homeless population continues to grow at an alarming rate.

In March, the City of South Gate hosted the Los Angeles County Mayors' Regional Summit to combat homeless. At the event I spoke about how inaction is no longer acceptable. I believe this measure is a step in the right direction to fund programs that will address homelessness.

Combating homelessness is a top priority across Los Angeles County. On February 9, 2016, the Board of Supervisors unanimously approved the coordinated set of 47 strategies in 6 categories: Prevent Homelessness; Subsidize Housing; Increase Income; Provide Case Management and Services; Create a Coordinated System; and Increase Affordable/Homeless

June 2, 2016 Assembly Speaker Anthony Rendon Senate President Pro Tempore Kevin De León Page 2 of 2

Housing. To launch the initial implementation of these strategies, the Board allocated \$100 million in one-time funding, while emphasizing the critical need for ongoing revenue to sustain the strategies.

According to the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA), the overall number of homeless people in the County on any given night increased to 46,874 in 2016, which is 6% more than in 2015, and 19% more than in 2013. The subset of homeless people living in encampments, tents and vehicles increased by 20% from 2015 to 2016, and a staggering 123% from 2013 to 2016. LAHSA estimates that \$450 million in additional, ongoing revenue is needed to address the current gap in homeless housing and services, excluding housing construction costs. A one-half percent tax on personal income over \$1 million/year is estimated to generate \$243 million annually in Los Angeles County.

In addition, Los Angeles County conducted a poll to determine voter support for potential revenue raising options. The most popular option is a tax on personal income above \$1 million/year which is supported by 76% of likely Los Angeles County voters in the November 2016 General Election. Additionally, that same poll found that 64% of the voters polled would support the extension of Proposition 30, and that a measure to tax high income to combat homelessness would have no impact on the level of support for the extension of Proposition 30.

I urge your support for the inclusion of the TBL proposal in the final California Budget Act of 2016-17.

Sincerely,

Jorge Morales Council Member

cc: South Gate City Council



## City of South Gate

8650 CALIFORNIA AVENUE + SOUTH GATE, CA 90280-3075 + (323) 563-9543 WWW.CITYOFSOUTHGATE.ORG FAX (323) 569-2678

W.H. (BILL) DE WITT, Mayor MARIA DAVILA, Vice Mayor MARIA BELEN BERNAL, Council Member GIL HURTADO, Council Member JORGE MORALES, Council Member

June 2, 2016

The Honorable Mark Leno, Chair Senate Budget and Fiscal Review Committee State Capitol, Room 5100 Sacramento, CA 95814

VIA FAX: (916) 319-2119

VIA FAX: (916) 445-4722

The Honorable Phil Ting, Chair Assembly Budget Committee State Capitol, Room 6026 Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: SUPPORT - LOS ANGELES COUNTY TRAILER BILL LANGUAGE PROPOSAL TO HELP COUNTIES COMBAT HOMELESSNESS

Dear Senator Leno and Assembly Member Ting:

As a Council Member for the City of South Gate, I urge your support for trailer bill language (TBL) that would provide counties with the authority to seek voter approval to impose a special tax on personal annual incomes over \$1 million dollars for purposes of providing housing and services for homeless individuals and families. We are experiencing a severe homelessness problem statewide, and Los Angeles County's homeless population continues to grow at an alarming rate.

In March, the City of South Gate hosted the Los Angeles County Mayors' Regional Summit to combat homeless. At the event I spoke about how inaction is no longer acceptable. I believe this measure is a step in the right direction to fund programs that will address homelessness.

Combating homelessness is a top priority across Los Angeles County. On February 9, 2016, the Board of Supervisors unanimously approved the coordinated set of 47 strategies in 6 categories: Prevent Homelessness; Subsidize Housing; Increase Income; Provide Case Management and Services; Create a Coordinated System; and Increase Affordable/Homeless

June 2, 2016
Senator Mark Leno
Assembly Member Phil Ting
Page 2 of 2

Housing. To launch the initial implementation of these strategies, the Board allocated \$100 million in one-time funding, while emphasizing the critical need for ongoing revenue to sustain the strategies.

According to the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA), the overall number of homeless people in the County on any given night increased to 46,874 in 2016, which is 6% more than in 2015, and 19% more than in 2013. The subset of homeless people living in encampments, tents and vehicles increased by 20% from 2015 to 2016, and a staggering 123% from 2013 to 2016. LAHSA estimates that \$450 million in additional, ongoing revenue is needed to address the current gap in homeless housing and services, excluding housing construction costs. A one-half percent tax on personal income over \$1 million/year is estimated to generate \$243 million annually in Los Angeles County.

In addition, Los Angeles County conducted a poll to determine voter support for potential revenue raising options. The most popular option is a tax on personal income above \$1 million/year which is supported by 76% of likely Los Angeles County voters in the November 2016 General Election. Additionally, that same poll found that 64% of the voters polled would support the extension of Proposition 30, and that a measure to tax high income to combat homelessness would have no impact on the level of support for the extension of Proposition 30.

I urge your support for the inclusion of the TBL proposal in the final California Budget Act of 2016-17.

Sincerely,

Jorge Morales Council Member

cc: South Gate City Council



# CITY OF West Hollywood

CITY HALL 8300 SANTA MONICA BLVD. WEST HOLLYWOOD, CA 90069-6216

Tel: (323) 848-6460 Fax: (323) 848-6562

TTY: For hearing impaired (323) 848-6496

#### CITY COUNCIL

LAUREN MEISTER
Mayor

JOHN HEILMAN Mayor Pro Tempore

JOHN D'AMICO Councilmember

JOHN J. Duran Councilmember

LINDSEY P. HORVATH Councilmember

May 27, 2016

The Honorable Kevin de León President pro Tempore of the California State Senate State Capitol, Room 205 Sacramento, California 95814

The Honorable Mark Leno, Chair Senate Budget & Fiscal Review Committee State Capitol, Room 5100 Sacramento, California 95814 The Honorable Anthony Rendon Speaker of the California State Assembly State Capitol, Room 219 Sacramento, California 95814

The Honorable Philip Ting, Chair Assembly Budget Committee State Capitol, Room 6026 Sacramento, California 95814

RE: SUPPORT - Los Angeles County Trailer Bill Language Proposal to Help Counties Combat Homelessness

Dear Senator de León and Speaker Rendon; and Senator Leno and Assembly Member Ting:

The City of West Hollywood urges your support for trailer bill language (TBL) that would provide counties with the authority to seek voter approval to impose a special tax on personal annual incomes over \$1 million dollars for purposes of providing housing and services for homeless individuals/families. We are experiencing a severe homelessness problem statewide, and Los Angeles County's homeless population continues to grow at an alarming rate.

Combating homelessness is a top priority across Los Angeles County. On February 9, 2016, the Board of Supervisors unanimously approved the coordinated set of 47 strategies in 6 categories: Prevent Homelessness; Subsidize Housing; Increase Income; Provide Case Management and Services; Create a Coordinated System; and Increase Affordable/Homeless Housing. To launch the initial implementation of these strategies, the Board allocated \$100 million in one-time funding, while emphasizing the critical need for ongoing revenue to sustain the strategies.

According to the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA), the overall number of homeless people in the County on any given night increased to 46,874 in 2016, which is 6% more than in 2015, and 19% more than in 2013. The subset of homeless people living in encampments, tents and vehicles increased by 20% from 2015 to 2016, and a staggering 123% from 2013 to 2016.





The Honorable Kevin de León The Honorable Anthony Rendon The Honorable Mark Leno The Honorable Philip Ting

May 27, 2016 Page 2 of 2

LAHSA estimates that \$450 million in additional, ongoing revenue is needed to address the current gap in homeless housing and services, excluding housing construction costs. A one-half percent tax on personal income over \$1 million/year is estimated to generate \$243 million annually in Los Angeles County.

In addition, Los Angeles County conducted a poll to determine voter support for potential revenue raising options. The most popular option is a tax on personal income above \$1 million/year, which is supported by 76% of likely Los Angeles County voters in the November 2016 General Election. Additionally, that same poll found that 64% of the voters polled would support the extension of Proposition 30, and that a measure to tax high income to combat homelessness would have no impact on the level of support for the extension of Proposition 30.

I urge your support for the inclusion of the TBL proposal in the final California Budget Act of 2016-17.

Sincerely,

Lauren Meister,

MAYOR

cc: The Honorable Richard Bloom, (AD-50)

The Honorable Ben Allen, (SD-26)

homelessnessinitiative@ceo.lacounty.gov

LPayne@scanph.org



23